

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 EADS RODNEY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/06/2006

HOUSTON, TX 77094

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	09/06/2006		M			500	\$ 39.98	500	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006		S			500	\$ 78	0	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006		M			500	\$ 23.65	500	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006		S			500	\$ 78	0	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006		M			500	\$ 32.78	500	D

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Common Stock	09/06/2006	S	500	D	\$ 78	0	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006	M	500	A	\$ 22.49	500	D
Common Stock	09/06/2006	S	500	D	\$ 78	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.98	09/06/2006		M	500	05/18/2006	12/31/2014	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.65	09/06/2006		M	500	05/18/2006	07/01/2014	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.78	09/06/2006		M	500	05/18/2006	10/01/2014	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.49	09/06/2006		M	500	05/18/2006	05/18/2014	Common Stock	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EADS RODNEY W 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Rodney W. Eads	09/08/2006
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on May 18, 2007.

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